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SUBJECT: TWO NEW CONVICTIONS UNDER CANADA'S SEX TOURISM LAW

11. (U) Summary. Canada secured two new sex tourism convictions in November under Criminal Code amendments that now permit police to charge Canadians for sex crimes against children overseas. At least one other case in is the works for alleged abuses in Cambodia, Colombia, and the Philippines. End Summary.

GUILTY

12. (U) Quebec police arrested Canadian former aid workers Denis Rochefort and Armand Huard in Quebec City in February on charges of abusing boys in an orphanage in Les Cayes, Haiti between December 2006 and March 2007. Rochefort pled guilty on November 14 to sexual assault charges against six Haitian minors and received a two year jail sentence, followed by three years of probation. On November 17, Huard pled guilty to ten counts of sexual assault of eight minor Haitian children and received a three year jail sentence.

EXPANDING COVERAGE

13. (U) Parliament enacted child sex tourism amendments to the Criminal Code that came into force in May 1997 and July 2002. The provisions now allow police to arrest and prosecute Canadians in Canada for sexual offences against children in foreign countries in cases in which the foreign state where an offence allegedly occurred does not prosecute an accused Canadian. The charges carry a maximum penalty of 14 years imprisonment. The authority to arrest and prosecute cases falls within provincial (not federal) jurisdiction.

14. (U) The latest convictions bring the total number of extraterritorial child sex tourism convictions in Canada to three. Donald Bakker, the first Canadian charged under the revised law, pled guilty in 2005 and received a ten year prison sentence for sexually abusing children in Cambodia. Police in British Columbia have also laid charges against Kenneth Robert Klassen for child sex crimes in Cambodia, Colombia, and the Philippines, but that case has not yet gone to trial.

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